

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
BEFORE THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES

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REPLY BRIEF

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Sir:

This is in response to the Examiner's Answer dated January 9, 2008.

On page 22 of the Examiner's Answer, the Examiner finds that the claim limitation "the shared display module is simultaneously viewable by a plurality of users of which each user is simultaneously interacting with different portable input devices" does not necessarily state that when the users are interacting with their devices. In addition, this claim language does not specify that the interacting is affecting the shared display module when the users are interacting. The Examiner also finds on page 23 of the Examiner's Answer that the claim limitation "activating the converted components in a hypertext document on the shared display module by receiving input signals related to the alternate component activation tags from the different portable input devices" does not necessarily disclose the input signals are from the device when the users are interacting with the device. The Examiner goes on to say that "it does not necessary say that the input signals from the different portable input device were from the interaction with by the user. The Appellant only assumes it says it in the claim."

It is respectfully submitted that the Examiner has mischaracterized the Appellant's argument presented in the Supplemental Appeal Brief filed on November 6, 2007. The Appellant's argument is that the third element of claim 1 clearly states that input signals from different portable input devices (which were interacted with by users) activate converted components in the hypertext document displayed on the shared display. This element is not

disclosed in the combination of Bjurstrom et al., Chiu et al. and Buckley et al. The combination of elements merely describe associating elements of a HTML page to DMTF tones and implementing a function on a HTML page in response to receiving DMTF tones from a telephone (Bjurstrom et al.), a remote control that can control items on the television screen (Chiu et al.) and a shared display screen that can be associated with input devices (Buckley et al.). These references do not allow for the activation of components or alternate component activation tags on a shared display by different portable input devices of which each user viewing the display is simultaneously interacting with as claimed.

Appellants respectfully request that the Board reverse the Examiner's rejection and find all pending claims allowable.

Respectfully submitted,

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